

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 537 - HB 627

February 11, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for being a spectator at an animal fight to a Class A misdemeanor. Under current law, the penalty for being a spectator at a dog fight is a Class B misdemeanor and for other animals, it is a Class C misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Revenue – Not Significant
Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Increase Local Revenue – Not Significant
Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumption:

- A small increase in cases in the court system, which will result in additional state and local government expenditures for processing the cases and additional state and local government revenue from fees, taxes and costs collected. These expenditures and revenue are estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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